

my position on the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct. Please contact me if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

J. GRESHAM BARRETT,  
Member of Congress.

#### ELECTING A MINORITY MEMBER TO A STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the House Republican Conference, I send to the desk a privileged resolution, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 770

*Resolved*, That the following member be, and is hereby, elected to the following standing committee:

COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT—Mr. McCaul.

Mr. PENCE (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Indiana?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### \$400,000 IN TAXPAYER MONEY PROPOSED FOR QADDAFI'S CHILDREN

(Mr. KIRK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, Libyan dictator Qaddafi spoke to the U.N. for almost 2 hours.

Here on the Hill on the same day, we received a State Department notification proposing \$400,000 in U.S. taxpayer money for the foundations of Qaddafi's son and daughter.

You heard that right.

After the murders of 189 Americans aboard Pan Am flight 103 and after watching the bomber being welcomed home from Scotland, the administration is proposing donating \$200,000 to Saif Qaddafi's Qaddafi Development Foundation. Recall that Qaddafi's son, Saif, organized the "welcome home" ceremony for the Pan Am bomber.

The administration also is proposing donating \$200,000 in taxpayer funds to the Waettasmeno/UNDP foundation, which is run by Qaddafi's daughter, Ayesha. She is also conveniently the head of Libya's UNDP.

This is part of a \$2.5 million grant proposed for Libya by the Obama administration—U.S. funding for an oil-rich OPEC nation which is responsible for U.S. national security problems across Africa.

#### RECOMMIT TO HAVING A ROBUST AMERICAN MANUFACTURING SECTOR

(Mr. MICHAUD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, a major obstacle to our economic recovery is the continued decline of our manufacturing base. We need a genuine recovery that can generate growth without government bailouts or stimulus programs. The current crisis of overspending and the overconsumption of foreign goods was born out of the neglect of our manufacturing sector.

As recently evidenced by the Chinese tire decision, I am pleased that the administration seems to be serious about enforcing trade laws. This is a positive step. Yet, as the President welcomes the world leaders at the G-20 Summit, I ask him and Members of this body to recommit ourselves to a robust manufacturing sector.

We can do this by supporting programs that will help domestic manufacturing get back on its feet. We also need a new approach on trade to stop the predatory foreign practice dead in their tracks. We must make sure that our factories and jobs stay here at home. Doing so will help us create real wealth, good jobs, tax revenues, and an opportunity for hardworking American families.

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#### TWO CLOWNS

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the circus parade hit the United Nations yesterday. Libya's Omar Qaddafi treated everyone to a 100-minute rambling rant. It seems he thinks President Kennedy's assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald, was a spy and working for Israel. He says capitalism is the cause of all the world's problems and the U.N. was founded by terrorist nations like the United States.

The little fella from the desert of Iran, Ahmadinejad, gave a speech that cleared the room. The United States and other diplomats walked out. The tiny tyrant accused Israel of genocide and denies the Holocaust. The dictator praised his own glorious election this summer. You know, that's the one when his government murdered Iranian protesters.

These twin tyrants rant about death, destruction and doom to America and Israel. They preach hate and murder in the name of religion. These two twin threats to world peace cannot be brushed aside as laughable clowns.

The United States must take their hate speech and intimidation seriously. Our Nation must be prepared to defend America from their arrogant, aggressive threats.

And that's just the way it is.

#### MAKE MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE

(Mrs. DAHLKEMPER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. DAHLKEMPER. Mr. Speaker, in this health care debate, we have called on health insurance companies, health care providers and the Federal Government to make major improvements to how they provide health care. Yet we have not asked the benefactors of these changes to make a contribution to reform. We have not asked anything of the American people.

Successful health care reform must include a robust public policy to encourage personal responsibility and healthy living. Insurance discounts are a straightforward means to encourage healthy living.

Most automobile insurers offer safe driver discounts for responsibility behind the wheel. A healthy living discount can reward healthy behavior and encourage personal responsibility.

I urge my colleagues to adopt H.R. 3472, a bill to create health insurance premium discounts of up to 20 percent for healthy behavior and improvements toward healthy behavior.

It's good public policy to help Americans live well. My bill creates a tangible incentive to live well and live healthy.

#### MISSILE DEFENSE

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, the recent shift in missile defense strategy weakens both our allies in Eastern Europe and our position with Russia and Iran.

The announcement that we would abandon the ballistic missile defense infrastructure in Poland and the Czech Republic could not have come on a worse date, the 70th anniversary of the Soviet invasion of Poland.

A Polish spokesman called the decision "catastrophic for Poland." Only Russia has expressed satisfaction with the announcement.

This shift in strategy comes as Russia has been increasingly willing to project its power in the region either through military force or by withholding natural gas. This decision undermines every pro-Western politician in Poland and the Czech Republic, our allies. Their careers are ruined.

People are saying you can't trust U.S. commitments. We pleased the Russians with nothing to show in return. Now is not the time to appease. Our actions are seen as weakness and dangerous. It undermines our national security.

#### OUR FUTURE WORKFORCE NEEDS HEALTH INSURANCE

(Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to urge my colleagues to pass comprehensive health reform, not this decade, not next year but this year.

Our constituents need help now. My constituents have told me that health care costs are beyond their reach. Some can't afford insurance at all and others have been denied coverage or dropped the minute they got sick. These problems plague our entire population, but disproportionately affect Hispanics.

Hispanics have an unbelievable uninsured rate of 31 percent. Our health system must provide essential services to all Americans, including those of Hispanic descent.

Hispanic Americans are the fastest-growing demographic group in this country. They are our future workforce.

Without health care coverage for all Americans, our country's economic future is at risk. Health care reform means having the peace of mind that if something unexpected should happen, an accident or an unexpected illness, people won't fall into economic ruin. Health care coverage for all Americans means a healthier, more productive America.

The time for health care reform is now.

#### UNITED NATIONS

(Mr. PENCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, following the defeat of tyranny throughout Europe in 1945, and in the ashes of the Holocaust, the United Nations was born. It was formed to create a forum to confront dictators before they rose to global power.

President John F. Kennedy in his inaugural address warned some four decades ago that the United Nations must not become a forum for invective against the West. But as we saw yesterday, with the leader of Libya decrying Israel in terms of "the Israeli demon," as we saw the leader of the discredited regime in Tehran denounce the "barbaric" attacks of the Zionist regime and continue to deny the Holocaust in public forums, we have seen the United Nations become not only a forum for invective against the West but especially a forum for invective against our most cherished ally, Israel.

Today the American people provide 20 percent of the financial support for the United Nations. Today the American people are asking why.

#### HEALTH CARE REFORM AND PRIMARY CARE

(Ms. SCHWARTZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to address the importance of primary care in comprehensive health care reform. As we find a uniquely American solution for all Americans to have access to affordable, meaningful health

coverage, we must remember that insurance coverage alone means little if patients do not have access to health care providers or health care services.

Primary care providers are on the front line of the health care system, treating acute and chronic conditions and keeping costly conditions from worsening. Despite this essential role, it is primary care where we face the most acute shortages. Since 1998 the percentage of internal medicine residents choosing primary care has dropped from 50 percent to 20 percent. By 2025, America will have a shortage of 46,000 primary care providers.

I have championed efforts to bolster our primary care workforce, including new loan-repayment programs and increasing payments for primary care providers, as well as elimination of co-payments for preventive services for seniors and strengthening their ongoing relationship with their doctor.

I am proud that the health care reform bill includes this essential reform. I look forward to action on health care reform that addresses primary care.

#### PLIGHT OF FARMERS AND FARM WORKERS IN CENTRAL CALI- FORNIA

(Mr. DUNCAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, over the last few days, thanks to Sean Hannity, millions of people have seen or heard about the plight of farmers and farm workers in central California. In some areas, over 40 percent are unemployed and many thousands are having to stand in food lines so their families can have something to eat.

Farms have dried up because the Federal Government has cut off their water to save a 2-inch minnow elsewhere. This will drive up food costs elsewhere.

What many do not know is that the House voted on this issue twice, on June 18 and again on July 23. On the first vote, 171 Republicans voted for the farmers, 215 Democrats voted for the minnow. On the second vote, 176 Republicans, all but one, voted for the farmers. All but three Democrats voted for the fish.

Unfortunately, neither vote was close. Wealthy environmentalists won. The farmers and farm workers lost.

#### EXTEND UNEMPLOYMENT TO ALL REGIONS

(Mr. PERRIELLO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PERRIELLO. Mr. Speaker, the House acted in a bipartisan way this week to address the issue of extending unemployment benefits. It was an important act in this very difficult economic time to reach out to those who through no fault of their own have lost

the lifeline to be able to support their own families.

However, with the way that this was done, it was looking at unemployment levels State by State. That meant that even areas of tremendous economic distress in certain States did not benefit from this program.

There are parts in my district in southern Virginia with over 20 percent unemployment, but this act as written will not apply to them. Rural counties with 12 to 18 percent unemployment are not covered.

While this was an important act of bipartisanship to help those who are struggling in this economy, we must do better. We must find a way to make sure that unemployment benefit extensions and other relief efforts are targeted at the areas of greatest economic distress, even if those exist in States that are doing relatively well.

I hope that the areas around the country that are like southern Virginia, small manufacturing towns and farming communities, are not left out of these future efforts. I will continue to fight to make sure all those that are struggling get relief.

#### OFFSHORE ENERGY

(Mr. BROWN of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, last year Congress and President Bush announced an end to the decade-long ban on offshore drilling. But the Obama administration stopped progress on meeting our Nation's energy needs by instituting an extended 6-month public comment period.

That period ended Monday, but according to the Secretary of the Interior, Ken Salazar, expanded offshore drilling may not happen until 2012, turning a 6-month delay into a 3-year ban. With the unemployment rate well over 9 percent nationwide and close to 12 percent in South Carolina, it is irresponsible for the administration to ignore the economic benefits that will come with America's energy production.

According to recent reports, drilling in the Outer Continental Shelf could generate \$8 trillion in gross domestic products over the next 30 years, 1.2 million American jobs and \$70 billion in wages annually. In South Carolina alone, offshore exploration could generate up to \$250 million in revenue annually, and would create over 2,000 jobs in the Palmetto State.

Mr. Speaker, we need to be sure that we are able to continue to develop our resources.

#### NATIONAL HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WEEK

(Mr. SMITH of Washington asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the